

## Claims

- [c1] An annotation system configured to record, store, and retrieve media comprising:
  - a set of client-processing devices configured to capture media for subsequent playback via a record button and upon performing said capture trigger an association of a unique ID with said media;
  - said set of client-processing devices further configured to upload said media and said unique ID to a server for purposes of storage;
  - said server configured to obtain said media and said unique ID for subsequent retrieval and provide said media and said unique ID to at least one client-processing device from said set of client processing devices.
- [c2] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said set of client-processing device further comprises a mark button configured to flag a portion of said media for playback.
- [c3] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said set of client-processing devices is further configured to provide an edit operation on said media.

- [c4] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said client-processing devices comprises a set of control buttons.
- [c5] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said set of client processing devices comprises a mechanism for controlling playback and recording via a position slider.
- [c6] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said set of client-processing devices is further configured to associate contextual information with said media.
- [c7] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said set of client-processing devices is configured to present said unique ID to a user.
- [c8] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said set of client-processing devices is configured to utilize said interface to utilize said unique ID to obtain said media from said server for playback.
- [c9] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said set of client-processing devices comprises a bar code scanner for application of said unique ID.
- [c10] The annotation system of claim 1 further comprising a

label dispenser configured to emit labels having said unique ID.

- [c11] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said unique ID comprises a number assigned by a server process.
- [c12] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said unique ID comprises a machine unique identifier combined with a locally unique identifier.
- [c13] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein at least one of said set of client-processing devices is configured to transfer said unique ID to said server.
- [c14] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said unique ID comprises a context defined by said user.
- [c15] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said unique ID is printed for subsequent usage.
- [c16] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said unique ID is recorded on a memory medium.
- [c17] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said unique ID is embedded into a device and broadcast via a transmission mechanism for monitoring.
- [c18] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said server is configured to provide said media upon presentation of

said unique ID.

- [c19] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said media comprises audio data.
- [c20] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said media comprises video data.
- [c21] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein said media comprises text data.
- [c22] The annotation system of claim 1 wherein media comprises image data.